

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR  
PROPOSED LOOMIS UNION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
TRUSTEE AREA 2**

**Jim Dutton**

**Age:** 47

**Occupation:** Businessman/Father

**Education and Qualifications:** During my 25-plus years in construction, I have worked with people from all walks of life to complete common goals. Whether in business, community service, or with my wife, Louise, and daughter, Haley, I have the ability to listen, negotiate and persevere in tough times.

Our schools may undergo difficult times because of budget cuts, threats to national security and personal safety in our own district. My experience living overseas when I was a child learning at home, and then attending private, parochial and public schools, provides a broad perspective for understanding people and issues and bringing reason in times of uncertainty.

I'm a conservative and believer in community involvement. I will work tirelessly to establish support from families, businesses, government, private and faith-based organizations. I believe all children need to have a positive, supportive learning environment in order to reach their full potential, no matter what their gift or challenge.

My work ethic and devotion to community are paraphrased in this quote from John Burroughs, the naturalist: For anything worth having one must pay the price; and the price is always work, patience, love, self-sacrifice - no paper currency, no promises to pay, but the gold of real service.